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MATINEES

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS,
AT 4 P.M.

Looking at the situation as it presented itself to his mind to-day, Dean INGE has come to the conclusion that in England at any rate the twentieth century is the spendthrift heir of the nineteenth. The working man seems to have resolved to make himself comfortable by taxing capital in plain terms, by looting the accumulations of Queen VICTORIA's reign and living on the rates and taxes. He thought he would have a short life and a merry one, and his children's teeth, if they had any, would be set on edge.

But in England the conditions were almost ideally unfavourable for those who hoped to see a huge population with high wages and short hours. The soil would not support them and when they ceased to outwork and undersell other nations, there was nothing before the working classes except to emigrate or starve.

Of course this outspokenness on the part of a high ecclesiastic has brought forth much criticism; but Dean INGE is not to be driven from his position. He says he knows it is easier to drift with the stream—a dead dog can do that—but to steer one's own course against the current is more difficult. He holds that the present popular cult of Democracy is nothing but a fetish, and a very silly one at that, in that the mere counting of heads is held to outweigh mental, intellectual and physical attainments. Again modern humanitarianism marked on one side great progress, but it had a soft and flabby side. The horror of taking life under any circumstances seemed to him unnatural, and probably only temporary. He thought the State of the future would take life mercifully, but more freely than it did now.

There is much of controversial character in these statements we admit, but nevertheless it is well that such a man as Dean INGE has given utterance to them. The future will decide whether he or his opponents are the more correct in their synopsis, but at any rate most people will agree that taking all things into consideration we are living in a most dull and uninspiring age, following upon one of the most remarkable in the history of civilization.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"Whimsical Walker," one of the most famous of circus clowns, has decided to retire. He started at the age of eight as an apprentice in Pablo Franque's travelling circus. He bought Jumbo for Barnum, and stated that the famous elephant, which cost £300, earned £240,000 from first to last.

Some interesting trials have just been carried out on a submarine, built by Messrs Vickers, in the Irish Sea, off the port of Barrow. A quick-firing gun is mounted in the submarine hatchway. The hatch-cover opens, and the gun comes into view, and after firing several rounds sinks out of sight again.

At a recent meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce it was declared that Persia is abusing her agreement with Great Britain in regard to Persia, and a motion was passed calling upon the Government to insist upon Persia withdrawing her demand to control the Persian Government as such control would be likely to kill Lancashire's trade with Persia.

Messrs Bradley and Co. send as wall standards advertising the Milkmaid brand of condensed milk, and bearing excellent pictures of Their Majesties the King and Queen; Mr. S. G. Newall, local manager of the South British Insurance Co., forwards a useful perpetual calendar; and from the Osaka Shosen Kaisha comes an elaborately got up wall calendar.

The owners of the *Oldmania*, a ship destroyed by the Russians in a war with Japan, have recently published a pamphlet setting forth the facts of the case, with all the necessary documents. It would appear that the representations of the British Foreign Office to the Russian Government have proved futile. In a communication to the owners on November 8, the Foreign Office wrote:—"The matter having been decided by the highest Russian tribunal, and the Russian Government having decided to submit it to arbitration, no useful purpose would, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be served by attempting to re-open the case." There the matter rests. Mrs. Beattie was shot in a motor-car, and Beattie, who was also in the car, alleged that man had held up the car and shot his wife, despite his (Beattie's) struggles to save her. The gun used to kill the woman, however, was found on the road, having been pulled out of the automobile, and it was proved that the weapon belonged to Beattie.

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CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

A Day of Quiet Festival.

Christmas-day in Hongkong dawned

foggy and raw, with a low temperature and

the mist far down the hillside, but as the

day wore on things brightened considerably

and the afternoon was brilliant with sun-

shine. The north-westerly gale which

whitened the tops of the waves in the

harbour during the forenoon also died

down and the evening glow which turns

the Kowloon hills into a picture of deep

purple and Byzantine rods reflected a

scene of perfect calm.

The ships were decorated, the men-of-

war in particular displaying much over-

green at the tops and ends of tapering

masts and yards. The churches all draw

large congregations, not a seat being vacant

in St. John's Cathedral, where Bishop

Lander preached. The decorations at St.

John's, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, in the

Roman Catholic Churches, the Unite

Church, etc., were very chaste and appro-

priate to the season, while the services

themselves were redolent of Christmas.

And in the evening hospitality reigned

supreme for Christmas is prominently

the festival of the well-spiced board and

blazing hearth-fire.

A very enjoyable social evening was

held at the Club de Recreio, Kowloon, on

Christmas eve. "Over thirty couples were

present and dancing was indulged in until

the small hours of the morning of

Christmas Day." Supper was partaken of and a very happy time was spent which

was due to the amiables of the

president, Mr. Rosa-Pereira, Mr. J. L. V.

de Rosario and a large and hardworking

committee.

Christmas at the Churches.

Christmas was duly celebrated at the

several churches, there being large congregations at each of the services. At St. John's Cathedral on Christmas morning

Bishop Lander was the preacher and

the message of Christmas. The collec-

tion was in behalf of the Diocesan Girl's

School and Orphage.

At St. Peter's, the Peak Church and St.

Andrew's, Kowloon, special services were

held.

The Union Church and the Wesleyan

Church, Wan Chai, also participated in the

great festival and at each of these places of

worship special sermons were preached.

Amongst the Roman Catholic churches

midnight mass was celebrated. The congre-

gation at the Cathedral of the Immacu-

late conception was unusually large and

the sacred edifice was gaily decorated.

Bishop Forozzi, assisted by the full clergy,

officiated at High Mass, while Father Lynch

preached an able sermon.

At the Rosary Church, Kowloon, mid-

night mass was also celebrated. The church

was crowded, many Engangong people who were very sweet.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

M. Henr, a resident in the Philippines of 45 years standing, and agent there of the M. M. Company, has died in Manila.

Two Chinese schoolboys had an argument near the Chinese Recreation ground, after they left school on Sunday. The Services had dismissed the home eleven for 103, of which Hancock made 50 not out; and when a hundred and six were up for non, Capt. D. Crawford and Co. Corp. Dempsey being at the wickets. On resuming play this afternoon these two batsmen continued to make a stand and piled up a good score between them. Capt. Crawford 120, Dempsey 66. The Services were all out, for 275, half twelve, when the Club commenced their second innings. A. G. E. Elbrough and M. M. Mans going out first. The score at the fifth interval was 10, Elbrough 1, Mans 4, Extras 5.

H. C. C. C. UNITED SERVICES.

This Annual Christmas match, played on the H. C. C. C. ground, was commenced yesterday and resumed at 10 o'clock this morning. At close of play yesterday, the Services had dismissed the home eleven for 103, of which Hancock made 50 not out; and when a hundred and six were up for non, Capt. D. Crawford and Co. Corp. Dempsey being at the wickets. On resuming play this afternoon these two batsmen continued to make a stand and piled up a good score between them. Capt. Crawford 120, Dempsey 66. The Services were all out, for 275, half twelve, when the Club commenced their second innings. A. G. E. Elbrough and M. M. Mans going out first. The score at the fifth interval was 10, Elbrough 1, Mans 4, Extras 5.

THE TRIANGULAR MATCHES.

The annual cricket matches next season pro-

vides that the Australians will take

in 38 matches, commencing at Nottingham

on May 4.

Test matches will be played as follows:—

AUSTRALIA V. SOUTH AFRICA.

At Manchester, May 27.

At Lord's, June 1.

At Nottingham, August 5.

AUSTRALIA V. ENGLAND.

At Lord's, June 24.

At Manchester, July 29.

At the Oval, August 19.

The Australian team will also play mat-

ches against all the chief amateur uni-

versities, Scotland, the Marylebone C.C.

and South Wales.

LAWN BOWLS.

CLOSE OF SEASON.

The close of the season in connection

with Kowloon Bowling Club took place on

Sunday afternoon when members were

at home to their friends. The finals in

three competitions were also decided.

There was a large attendance. In the

championship competition A. Ramsay beat

D. Keith by 21 to 6; G. R

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1911.

THE CHINA MAIL.

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

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CANADIAN TRAMCAR
DISASTER.

TWO KILLED AND 40 INJURED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 26.

A telegram from Toronto states that a crowded tramcar has been wrecked through an open switch, two passengers being killed and 40 injured.

Captain Deacon, R.N., of Plymouth, was seriously injured and his wife killed.

GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTER HONOURED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 25.

His Majesty the Kaiser has conferred the Order of the Red Eagle with brilliantis on Herr Kiderlen-Wachter, the Foreign Minister.

THE REVOLUTION.

ATTITUDE OF THE POWERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 23.

Reuter states that there is no truth in the report that Britain and Japan insist on monarchical government in China. The efforts of Britain and the other Powers are being directed towards assisting China to secure efficient government based on popular approval.

WILL THE CONFERENCE FAIL?

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking wires that the Government fears that the conference at Shanghai will fail. The rebels are preparing to march northwards via Fukow.

IMPORTANT PAPAL
DECREE.

HOW IT AFFECTS IRELAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

The papers comment on the reissue of the Papal decree excommunicating private individuals who, without obtaining permission of the Ecclesiastical authorities, summon any ecclesiastic before a criminal or civil tribunal as a defendant or witness. It is stated that the Irish law officers are considering the decree which is regarded as denying the Roman Catholics justice.

HONOUR FOR JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Chinda, has received the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle on the occasion of his transfer to Washington.

AMERICAN SUGAR CROP.

ROSY ESTIMATES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's New York correspondent states that moderate estimates predict that the sugar crop will yield 1,825,000 tons, exceeding the record of 1910 by 25,000. Other estimates place the yield as high as 1,875,000.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS
MUTINY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

A regiment at Braga in Portugal has mutinied and shot and wounded the colonel. Thirty-nine men have been arrested.

AUSTRALIAN COAL
VEND.

BIG LAW SUIT ENDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that the result of the Federal suit against the members of the Coal Vend was that each defendant was fined £500 with costs and enjoined from continuing the monopoly.

The cases occupied seventy-three days, and the 39 defendants comprised the principal Newcastle and Maitland collieries and interstate shipping companies.

The penalties and costs amounted to over £500,000.

[CORTONANT.]
FIGHTING NEAR
MELILLA.

NATIVES ATTACK SPANIARDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent reports that the natives near Melilla attacked the Spanish troops on Friday, and several fighting followed along the front for nearly 40 miles.

The Spanish casualties were 9 killed and 38 wounded, including several officers, while the natives lost heavily.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran wires that Russian official sources state that while the Russian Government is sincerely desirous of withdrawing the troops as soon as possible, no pledge of immediate evacuation will be given on compliance with the ultimatum. No action has yet been taken regarding Mr. Shuster's position.

LATER.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg show that the fighting at Tabriz on the 21st inst. was very severe, the Fidais attacking from the roofs and the streets. The Russians repulsed a formidable attack at Baghchehmal with artillery.

The Russian colony took refuge in the Consulate until reinforcements arrived, and then the artillery began the bombardment of the citadel, where the Fidais were mostly gathered. The Russian corps were horribly mutilated by the Fidais.

London, Dec. 24.

After the fighting at Tabriz, the Russians occupied all the Government offices and the telegraph station. The bombardment demolished many private buildings, and fifty Persians were killed.

The Russians have occupied the police and telegraph offices at Resht, where a number of Government officials were killed.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

LATER.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent states that after Ministerial consultation, the Viceroy of the Caucasus has been ordered to send the largest possible reinforcements to Tabriz.

"NO MERCY."

The *Narvye Vremya* quotes the Director of the Persian Department of the Foreign Office as saying that Russia will take justice into her own hands at Tabriz, Resht and Enzeli and will show no mercy to the revolutionary dregs who have been shedding Russian blood.

ALLEGED RUSSIAN
BRUTALITY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Vice-Governor of Teheran estimates that 500 Persians have already been killed, and he declares that the Russians ignore overtures for the cessation of hostilities and are butchering women and children.

A SETTLEMENT.

LATER.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent cable that with the approval of the Cabinet, the Regent has dissolved the Majlis and the Government has definitely accepted the Russian ultimatum. Further, the Russian Minister has signified his acceptance of the Persian reply.

HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

LATER.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent wires that shooting still continues at Tabriz.

WIGAN MINE DISASTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Nov. 23.

A waterburst at a pit shaft near Wigan flooded the mine. Seventy-five men were rescued and twelve are still below.

London, Dec. 24.

Eleven men were rescued from the flooded mine at Wigan late last evening. One man was drowned.

THE OPIUM CONVENTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague wires that the Opium Conference has passed the first reading of the Opium Convention, and has adjourned till the 2nd February.

The cases occupied seventy-three

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

[CORTONANT.]
ITALY AND TURKEY.

A RED SEA CAPTURE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The steamer Menzaleh, which was seized by the Italian cruiser Puglia in the Red Sea, was allowed to proceed after the cruisers took away the £30,000 on board and the Ottoman parcels which she carried.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome telegraphs that the Turks twice attacked the Italian redoubts at Benghazi on the night of the 21st inst. but were driven off.

A six hours' action took place at Tobruk on the 22nd inst., in which 16000 participated.

The Italians lost seven killed and 16 wounded, while the enemy lost heavily.

HOSPITAL SHIP SEIZED.

The Italian cruiser Puglia has seized the hospital ship Kaisereh in the Red Sea, although she was flying the red cross flag, because a search showed an entire lack of hospital appliances and gave ground to the suspicion that she was being used for transport purposes.

TURKS AND ARABS CLAIM
SUCCESS.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent cables that the papers report continuous fighting at Tripoli and Cerenica, resulting favourably to the Turks and the Arabs, who are stated to be full of vigour and enthusiasm.

TERrible GALE
AT HOME.

MANY FISHERMEN DROWNED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 24.

A gale has played havoc with the fisheries, especially with French and British vessels. Nearly one hundred fishermen were drowned and many vessels lost. After many weeks of storms and almost continuous rain the wind dropped to-day and the heavy weather gave place to sunshine. There is promise of a fine Christmas.

THE WRECKED
DELHI.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

All the specie from the steamer Delhi has been landed.

DUNDEE LABOUR
DISPUTES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir G. Aspinwall is proceeding to Dundee to mediate with the men's leaders. The strikers have succeeded in blocking cargoes at Leith destined for Dundee.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

The Dundee strike was settled at 3 o'clock this morning through the mediation of Sir G. Aspinwall, the carriers and dockers getting an advance in wages.

A telegram from Reuter's Dundee correspondent states that most of the works have resumed business and that contractors are rushing through fuel and supplies.

PARIS GRAVEYARD
SENSATION.

THE JEWELS SAFE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The outrage on the body of the actress Madame Lentelme has caused a sensation in Paris. The robbers scattered the image at the altar and in the vault they removed three shells. They stripped the body of its wrappings of cotton wool, which a fallen match fired, and the stifling smoke compelled them to retreat. The firemen afterwards extinguished the flames and found the jewels intact beneath the pillow at the head of the corpse.

MORE COMBINATION.

BRITISH CEMENT TRADE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A British Cement Combine has been formed with a capital of three and a half million pounds. It has an agreement with the Associated Cement Company.

The two concerns will have a capital of twelve millions and will control five-sixths of the British output.

The names occupied seventy-three

CHAMBERLAIN ROAD ALTERATIONS.

Mr. Pollock's Queries.

At the Legislative Council meeting to be held next Thursday the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will ask the following questions:

1. What is the nature of the works which are in contemplation in the Hill District near the junction of the Chamberlain and Pukulam Roads?

2. For what reason are such works being undertaken?

3. Has there been any consideration

of undertaking such works laid before the Public Works Committee? If not,

4. What is the estimated cost of such works?

TYTAM RESERVOIR.

Progress of the Scheme.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon the report of the Public Works Committee was laid on the table.

The report of Mr. Jaffé, Executive Engineer, showed that in years of deficient rainfall, such as 1901, the existing works, comprising Pukulam, Wengneiching, Tytan, Tytan Bywash and Tytan Intermediate Reservoirs, would fall short of present requirements to the extent of nearly 500 million gallons. The joint capacity of the reservoirs concerned, was 747,1 million gallons, but under such conditions as prevailed in 1901 the reservoirs might only contain 560 million gallons at the commencement of the dry season, whilst the statistics of recent years showed that during a dry season extending over a period of 280 days the consumption would amount to 1,370 million gallons. The yield of the streams during the same period would amount to about 227 million gallons so that a storage of 1,043 million gallons was required to ensure constant supply or 420 millions in excess of that afforded by the present works, or, in round figures, 500 millions.

Probable requirements in the near future, including a supply to Shaukiwan District, which could be most economically supplied from Tytan, were estimated at about 360 millions. The capacity of a new reservoir to meet existing and provide for estimated requirements must therefore not be less than 1,000 million gallons.

When the action of the Tytan, Tuk scheme was forwarded under consideration, it was considered important in selecting the site for the dam, to secure the largest possible drainage area and it was therefore proposed that the dam should be constructed on what had been designated as "Site No. 1" which was situated in Tytan Bay. A report and estimate prepared by Mr. Jaffé and dated 6th February, 1905, were forwarded to Government, for the construction of a dam on this site, with the necessary contingencies. The estimate was as follows:-

Dam (2 impound 1,200 million gallons), £2,443,000; Pumping station, pumping plant and mains, 337,000; Tunnel for discharge of storm-water during construction of dam and subsequently for draw-off pipes, 127,000; Road diversion, 60,000; Temporary Works, 343,000; total, £3,512,000.

The figures which were fixed in 1903 in the Tytan valley had shown however that, in years of average rainfall, the quantity of water available would be sufficient to fill a reservoir capable of containing 1,500 million gallons, though the drainage area was curtailed by constructing the dam at a higher point than that already referred to and accordingly a site which was designated "No. 3", immediately below Tytan Tuk village, had the roughly investigated. To ensure the filling of such a reservoir during years of low rainfall, a short catchwater to intercept the drainage of an important valley to the north-eastward would be constructed, thus rendering available nearly the whole of the drainage area secured by the adoption of Site No. 1. If this were found inadequate, further catchwaters which would amply ensure the filling of the proposed reservoir, could be constructed.

In other respects, the scheme was on the same lines as that formerly proposed and all the works which had been carried out the heading "Tytan Tuk scheme first section" would be fully available of the existing section main being taken up and relaid as a rising main. Site No. 1 would still be available if it became necessary to provide further storage accommodation in the future but it would be necessary to construct an extensive system of catchwaters in order to fill such a reservoir.

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